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20. A three-layer laminate consisting essentially of:
two outer layers of a porous fibrous or filamentous batting, and
an inner layer sandwiched between said outer layers, said inner layer consisting of strands of thermoplastic adhesive in a latticework configuration which adheres directly to the outer layers, each strand having a sinusoidal shape with vertices which touch or overlap the vertices of an adjacent strand so that each adjacent pair of strands forms a mirror symmetric configuration, the inner layer having elastic properties at room temperature, whereby said inner layer recovers said laminate after tensile loading.

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